

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Flanagan, Hill, Lott, McCulloch, Martin, Scott, Taylor of Houston, and Truit—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Barroughs, Grimes, Guinn, Hord, Maverick, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, and White—15.

On motion of Mr. Scott, a bill to change the line between the counties of Lavaca and Gonzales, was taken up, read 2d time, and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Martin, a bill for the relief of Jas. H. Dyer and Samson C. Dyer, was taken up, read 2d time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Burroughs, a bill for the relief of the heirs at law of Wm. P. King, was taken up, read, and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, a bill for the relief of Geo. W. Davis, was taken up, read 2d time, and refused to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, a bill for the relief of Thornton Thatcher, Chas. S. Betts, and the heirs of Samuel J. Brown, dec'd., was taken up, read 2d time, and passed to 3d reading.

Rule suspended, bill read 3d time, and passed.

Mr. Martin moved a reconsideration of the vote rejecting a bill for the relief of H. H. Edwards.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Aug. 19th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday, was read and adopted.

Mr. Martin asked leave to record his vote against the passage of a bill to establish a Penal Code for the State of Texas.

The Senate refused to grant him leave.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the Judiciary committee made the following report :

The Judiciary committee have considered "a bill, supple-

mental to an act to establish a Court of Claims." The object of the bill is to change materially the provisions of "an act to ascertain the legal claims for money and lands against the State," passed but a few days since, and a majority of the committee are of the opinion that the better course is to let the act stand as it is. I am therefore directed to return the bill to the Senate and recommend that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Hill, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to which was referred a House bill for the relief of Robert McWilliams, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Whitaker, chairman of the committee on Private land claims No. 2, to which were referred the House bills for the relief of Antonio Fuentes and Geo. Grounds, reported the same back for the consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported correctly engrossed, a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Chappel Hill Male and Female and Institutions, approved Feb. 9th, 1852, and a bill for the relief of E. B. Prater.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, chairman of the committee on Public Debt, to which were referred the petition and vouchers of Wm. Oldham, reported the same back, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. Millican, the rule was suspended, and the report taken up and adopted.

Mr. Whitaker, chairman of the committee on Private Land claims No. 2, made the following report :

The committee on Private Land claims No. 2, to which was referred the petition of Levi J. Martin, learn from the petition and evidence presented, that said Martin, in the year 1852, settled upon land as a pre-emptor, in the county of Harrison, had the land surveyed ; sometime thereafter the surveyor died, and on examination, by his successor, no evidence of the survey or return of field notes could be found. That the petitioner continues to occupy said premises in right of his settlement ; in view of the premises the committee instruct me to report a bill to the Senate and recommend its passage."

A bill to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Leven J. Martin: read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the rule was suspended ; bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended ; bill read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, chairman of the committee on Public Debt, made the following report :

The committee on Public Debt, to which was referred a bill for the relief of Henry Stout, have considered the same, and a majority of the committee have instructed me to report a bill donating \$500 to Henry Stout, as a substitute for the bill and recommend its passage.

The undersigned members of the committee on Public Debt, do not agree with the above report ; we believe that Capt. Stout has done much for Texas in her early history, and probably there is something due him on account of supplies furnished the army, but the claim upon which this donation is based, is not properly authenticated, and we fear that the favorable action of the Legislature in this case will be a precedent for many more, not so well proven up as this ; and as we believe that an unwise and premature act of the Legislature leads to many more of like character, we hope that the Legislature will not, in this case, in doing what she may consider justice to an old Texian, fasten upon us a policy entirely new, for the settlement of our yet outstanding liabilities.

M. D. K. TAYLOR,

JOHN CALDWELL.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the rule was suspended ; bill taken up and substitute adopted.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin, moved to amend by adding "and to Garrett F. Longford \$333—rejected by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Caldwell, Guinn, Hord, Maverick, Pedigo, Scarborough, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Whitaker—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Lott, Martin, Millican, Palmer, Pirkey, Potter, Scott, Super-viele, Taylor of Cass, Trait, Weatherford, White and Wren—17.

On motion of Mr. Lott, the bill was amended by adding "Provided the said Stout shall first file his release for any or all demands against the Republic or State of Texas."

Mr. Caldwell moved to amend by adding "and to Geo. W. Davis, \$180, upon a release of all claims against the Government—lost.

The Senate then refused to engross the bill, by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Armstrong, Flanagan, Hill, Hord, Lott,

McCulloch, Martin, Pedigo, Pirkey, Scarborough, Truit and Weatherford—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Allen, Burroughs, Caldwell, Grimes, Guinn, Maverick, Palmer, Potter, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, and Taylor of Houston—12.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and this day presented to the Governor :

A bill to amend the 3d section of an act for the investment of the special School Fund in the hands of Railroad Companies, incorporated by the State.

A bill to provide for the translation and transfer of a portion of the Archives of Bexar county.

A bill for the relief of Wm. M. Hurt, late Custom Collector for the District of San Augustine.

A bill to legalize surveys made in Hunt county by John Grainger, between the 1st day of August 1851 and 1852.

A bill for the relief of Robert Davidson, deceased.

A bill to relinquish in favor of certain persons, the right of the State to certain lands.

And a bill for the relief of John Parsons.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill to repeal an act donating to actual settlers on vacant public domain, 160 acres of land.

And a bill to authorize the location, sale and settlement of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Reserve, both originating in the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, the vote taken on yesterday, passing a bill for the relief of Alex. McLane, was reconsidered.

Mr. Taylor of Houston (in the chair) then ruled the bill out of order, as one of the same purport had been rejected by the Senate, during the present session of the Legislature.

And Mr. Pedigo was given leave to withdraw the vouchers.

Mr. Caldwell introduced a bill for the relief of Jacob L. Standifer; read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell the rule was suspended; bill read 2d time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended; bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, a House bill for the relief Giles S. Boggess, was taken up and read 1st time.

Rule suspended; bill read a 2d time and passed to a 3d reading.

Rule further suspended; bill read a 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Pedigo, a bill for the relief of James Wall was taken up, read 2d time and passed to a 3d reading. Rule suspended; bill read a 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen, a House bill for the relief of Susan Sallie was read 2d time and passed to a 3d reading. Rule suspended; bill read 3d time and passed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to change the time of the sitting of the Supreme Court; read 2d time.

Mr. Potter offered the following amendment: strike out 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 lines in 1st section, and insert "an act to amend the 2d and 7th sections of an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, approved May 12, 1846 and approved Nov. 30th, 1850, is hereby amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows, to wit:—adopted.

And the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended and bill read a 3d time and passed.

"A bill for the relief of the heirs and assigns of Jno. B. Webb, taken from the table, read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, a bill for the relief of certain persons therein named, was read and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin, the report of the committee on Private land claims No. 2, on the petition of the heirs of Samuel Washburn, recommending its rejection, was taken up and laid upon the table by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Burroughs, Flanagan, Grimes, Hord, McCulloch, Martin, Palmer, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, White and Wren—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Guinn, Hill, Lott, Maverick, Millican, Scott and Weatherford—7.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin, introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Samuel Washburn; read 1st time.

Rule suspended, bill read 2d time and refused to be engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Burroughs, Caldwell, Hord, Martin, Pedigo, Pirkey, Potter, Scarborough, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, and Wren—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Bryan, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Lott, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—16.

Mr. Palmer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to contract with a sufficient number of special Clerks, to enroll the Code of Criminal Procedure, provided he shall not contract to pay more than fifteen cents for every hundred words—adopted.

Mr. Millican presented the petition of H. Mitchell ; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Taylor of Cass, from the committee on enrolled bills, reported correctly enrolled, properly signed and this day presented to the Governor,

A bill to authorize the location, sale and settlement of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Reserve.

A bill to repeal an act, donating to actual settlers on vacant public domain, 160 acres of land, and

A bill to incorporate the Houston Lyceum.

Mr. Allen, chairman of the same committee, reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed and this day presented to the Governor :

A bill to relinquish the right of the State to certain lands, in favor of certain persons.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of Woodville College, and to establish said College.

A bill to amend an act to create the county of Comanche.

A bill for the relief of James Reson, John S. Hill, Henry Applewhite and George Peerman.

A bill to amend the 1st and 5th sections of an act creating the county of Young, approved 2d February, 1856.

A bill to authorize Albert G. Hunt to construct a road and bridge across the Yegua, at or near Blake's crossing on said creek.

A bill for the relief of John Sparks.

A bill for the relief of Francisco Antonio de los Rios and other persons therein named.

A bill for the relief of Absolom J. Lott.

A bill to pay James H. Rogers, for services as Special Judge of the Supreme Court.

A bill authorizing the use of the Spanish Language before Justices Courts, in certain cases, and in the counties west of the Guadalupe.

A bill for the relief of Mrs. Georgiana M. Lewis, widow of A. Irwin Lewis, deceased, late Lieutenant in the Navy of Texas.

A bill making an appropriation to pay a judgment rendered in the District Court of Galveston County, against James H. Cock, deceased, late Collector of Customs, for the late Republic of Texas, in favor of Samuel Jones, partner of the firm of E. P. Kalkin & Co., and

A bill for the relief of Wm. Frels.

On motion of Mr. Flanagan, a bill to incorporate the Texas Insurance and Saving Fund Association, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering amendments thereto, was taken up; read—amendments adopted; bill passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended; bill read 3d time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Armstrong, Bryan, Caldwell, Flanagan, Grimes, Guinn, Hill, Hord, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Palmer, Pedigo, Potter, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, Whitaker and White—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Millican and Taylor of Fannin—3.

Mr. Taylor of Houston, moved to take up a bill for the relief of the heirs of Martin Murchison, deceased, with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering an amendment thereto—carried.

The amendment offered by the committee was adopted and the bill passed to a 3d reading.

Rule suspended; bill read 3d time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Scarborough, a bill to define the time for holding Courts in the 12th Judicial District, with the report of the Judiciary committee, offering amendments thereto, was read—amendments adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended; bill read a 3d time and passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill, granting to Jeremiah H. Halford the privilege of building a bridge &c.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, August 20th, 1856.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. McDade presented the memorial of W. H. Mayo, C. F.